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NEW FORMAT

After five years the News for Public Librarians has a new format. The masthead was designed by the Leslie Advertising Agency, a firm employed by the State Library Board in a library interpretation program.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS AT LIBRARY SCHOOLS

Three of the seven applicants who received State Library Board scholarships have embarked on their library training in summer sessions.

Mrs. Lila W. Morley, who obtained her library experience in the Colleton County Library, is now studying at the University of North Carolina. Mrs. Morley is being sponsored by the Colleton County Library Board.

Judith Ann Hart, who has been an assistant in the children's room of the Richland County Library for several years, is attending Florida State University. She is sponsored by the Richland County Public Library.

T. Ray Peppers, who has been a student at Emory University's Division of Librarianship while working in the library, has qualified for a scholarship to complete his studies. The Beaufort County Library Board is sponsoring Mr. Peppers.

The purposes of these scholarships is to provide trained personnel for the sponsoring libraries.

SCHOLARSHIPS TO WINTHROP INSTITUTES

The S. C. State Library Board has awarded thirty-eight scholarships for attendance at the two summer institutes it is sponsoring in cooperation with Winthrop College. Scholarships were granted as follows:

For the first workshop, July 23—August 3:

Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library: Mrs. Fay B. McNab, Mrs. Elizabeth C. Moore, Mrs. Maurine H. Lackey; Berkeley County Library: Mrs. Eloise Gowder; Charleston County Library: Margaret A. Retallack; Chester County Library: Mrs. Elizabeth Williams; Colleton County Memorial Library: Mrs. Josephine B. Williams; Dorchester County Library: Mrs. Alma E. Riley; Greenville County Library: Floy C. Johnson, Sara T. Chamblee, Helen G. Nuckols, Linda Luckadoo; Horry County Memorial Library: Marjorie H. Turbeville; Lancaster County Library: Mrs. Frances M. Cresswell; Laurens County Library: Mrs. James Gray; Lee County Library: Mrs. George R. Muldrow; Newberry-Saluda Regional Library: Mrs. Lurlyne K. Shinn; Orangeburg County Library: Mrs. Harriet B. Brown; Spartanburg Public Library: Mrs. Margaret Davis, Mrs. Shirley Anne Bailey.

For the second workshop, August 6—August 17:

Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library: Mrs. Nancy C. Mims, Mrs. Kathleen F. Turner, Mrs. Grace B. Marshburn; Allendale-Hampton-Jasper Regional Library: Mrs. Louise Brunson; Anderson County Library: Mrs. Helen Davenport, Mrs. Frances Wood; Berkeley County Library: Mrs. Marion T. Rudloff; Calhoun County Public Library: Mrs. Clara T. McCabe; Cherokee County Public Library: Elizabeth Gaston; Chester County Library: Mrs. Gladys D. Douglas; Fairfield County Library: Mrs. Gretchen F. McMeekin; Greenville County Library: Julia E. Babb; Horry County Memorial Library: Mrs. Mabel L. Riley; Lancaster County Library: Mrs. Paul M. Belk; Newberry-Saluda Regional Library: Mrs. Lois J. Cromer; Orangeburg County Library: Caroline Sauls; Pickens County Library: Mrs. Alvin Maw; Spartanburg Public Library: Mrs. Elizabeth Brantley.

The institutes are planned for personnel without professional library training who are employed in public libraries in South Carolina. The first workshop will be devoted to a study of the elements of book selection, cataloging and classification, and reference service. The second workshop will take up the study of family reading which will include more advanced book selection and reading guidance. No course credit will be given.

Miss Gladys M. Smith, Librarian and Professor of Library Science, Winthrop College, is director of the institutes. Mrs. Von Etta Salley, Librarian of Columbia College, will teach the first institute, and Miss Helen Hagan, Assistant to the Director, Division of Librarianship, Emory University, will lead the second.

MISSOURI ADOPTS SOUTH CAROLINA INTERN PLAN

The Missouri State Library Commission is augmenting their scholarship program with a summer intern program based on the plan originated by the S. C. State Library Board. The new program has been widely and enthusiastically received by Missouri libraries.

PUBLICITY FOR TALKING BOOKS

Posters announcing the services of the Regional Library for the Blind were distributed to the libraries of South Carolina last month. Librarians are requested to display them in the main library and in each branch and bookmobile. Each month more visually handicapped South Carolinians are receiving Talking Books from the Regional Library, thirty-two new talking book machines having been issued in May alone. Still many blind persons do not know that they can obtain books from the Regional Library, and the local library is the best medium for making the information known.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

As the new fiscal year begins, it is hoped that all libraries, trustees, and librarians have renewed their membership in our professional organizations or will join if they have not been members.

South Carolina Library Association dues are \$2.00 per year and are payable to Jane Wright, Treasurer, Winthrop College, Rock Hill, S. C.

Southeastern Library Association dues are \$2.00 per year if you belong to A. L. A. or S. C. L. A., if not, \$3.00 per year. Mail dues to: Southeastern Library Association, Price Gilbert Library, Georgia Institute of Technology, Atlanta 13, Ga.

American Library Association dues vary according to salary. Membership blanks and the dues scale are available from the Association, 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Ill.

These professional organizations are constantly working to improve all libraries and to benefit all librarians. The larger the membership, the stronger the "voice" of the organization. Join and participate in the activities.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR PUBLIC LIBRARY SECTION

Miss Nell Garrard, Chairman, has announced the following: Frances Reid, Chairman; Mrs. Harriette H. Huff; and Mrs. Nancy Mims to present the slate of officers for the Public Library Section, S. C. L. A.

LIBRARY SERVICES ACT AMENDMENT

As of June 10, 1962, thirteen identical bills had been introduced to amend the Library Services Act to make eligible under the Act public libraries in all areas lacking adequate public libraries or with inadequate public libraries, libraries in elementary and secondary schools, college and university libraries and library training institutes.

Please let your congressman know that South Carolina libraries need more money, more books and more trained librarians. Point out that urban as well as rural residents need improved library services. H. R. 11823 will identify the amending bill.

Please notify Nancy Blair, ALA Coordinator, State Library Board, 1001 Main Street, Columbia 1, S. C., of any action taken and its results.

HELP! KEEP US POSTED!

There is no longer a clipping service in operation in South Carolina, so librarians are requested, urged, and implored to send news to the State Library Board. Anything about the library in the local press is desired. The following topics suggest news of statewide interest whether or not they appear in print: activities of staff and board members; increase in income; donations to library; additions or alterations to library; new service or outstanding success of a service such as discussion groups, story hour, special exhibits or lists (with samples, please), etc., new equipment, inauguration of new policies or compilation of policies and procedures (see account of Sumter's Statement of Policy in this issue), and human interest stories.

Share your problems and your successes!

STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Board of Trustees of the Carnegie Public Library of Sumter has adopted a statement of policy which will serve as a guide for present board members and assist in the orientation of future members. The policy statement outlines basic goals and objectives of the library and clarifies the relationship between the board and the librarian as administrator.

LIBRARY SPONSORS HANDICRAFT EXHIBIT BY BLIND

An exhibit of handicrafts made by the blind and articles used by the blind was sponsored by the Pickens County Library. On June 6, Mr. Cortez L. Godshall, placement agent with the Division for the Blind of the State Department of Public Welfare, was at the library to demonstrate the use of the talking book machine and the reading of Braille from a copy of Reader's Digest and several children's books. The exhibit—consisting of dolls, slippers, leather goods and other handicrafts—was on view during the month of June.

EMPHASIS ON YOUNG ADULTS

As part of its program to improve services to young adults, the current display at the Richland County Public Library features good reading for this age group.

There is a special section of the adult section for a miscellany of titles recommended for young adult reading. The adult collection is being checked in order to mark for young people titles that will appeal to this age group.

A number of printed lists are being used to assist in marking the books in the adult collection. These lists: Books for You and College and Adult Reading List of Books in Literature and the Fine Arts prepared by the National Council of Teachers of English; Patterns in Reading, by Jean Carolyn Roos, and Book Bait by Eleanor Walker are on file at the main desk where they may be consulted by readers.

AIKEN-BARNWELL-EDGEFIELD LIBRARY NOTES

Brief dedication ceremonies officially opened the Mobley Library, Johnston branch of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library, on May 20, 1962. It is named for Edwin R. Mobley, former mayor. The building was a project of the Junior Chamber of Commerce, all funds having been raised and labor donated by the Jaycees.

On May 8, Salley became the eleventh branch of the Aiken-Barnwell-Edgefield Regional Library. Mrs. Nelie W. Salley is in charge.

The Aiken chapter of Hadassah presented a copy of Woman of Valor, the biography of Henrietta Szold, founder of Hadassah, by Irving Fineman to the Aiken County Library.

PUBLIC LIBRARIANS AT MIAMI ALA

The public libraries of South Carolina were represented at the eighty-first annual conference of the American Library Association in Miami by: George Linder and Mrs. Verona Thomas, Spartanburg Public Library; Charles Stow, Greenville County Library; and Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Florence Public Library.

Estellene P. Walker, Director, represented the State Library Board, and Jean Galloway, Trustee, Greenville County Library Board, was a delegate from the Trustees Section, S. C. Library Association.

INFORMATION PLEASE!

The State Library Board is interested in your vacation reading plans. Please send them in so a summer reading round-up can be compiled.

POETRY OF THE CONFEDERACY

The York County Confederate War Centennial Commission has published a compilation of the best of the poetry of the Confederate period which contains over 75 poems, arranged in chronological order. Dr. Hampton M. Jarrell, Head of the Department of English at Winthrop College, is the compiler. Copies may be obtained for \$1.30, which includes mailing, from Samuel B. Mendenhall, 1667 Ebenezer Road, Rock Hill, S. C.

PATHWAYS OF SOUND RECORDS

Pathways of Sound, Inc., which was founded in 1960, "specifically for children and for others who share their good taste," now has nine records available. They range from Uncle Remus to Winnie Ille Pu. Little, Brown is distributor for the records. Request a complete list with prices from Little, Brown and Company, 34 Beacon Street, Boston 6, Mass.

READING FOR AN AGE OF CHANGE

The American Library Association in cooperation with the Public Affairs Committee, Inc. is publishing a series of guides for Reading for an Age of Change on vital topics in the physical and social sciences and the arts. The reading guides are designed to provide a summary of current knowledge on the subject and to introduce the intelligent reader to books that will help him keep abreast of new developments in the various fields. To this end the guides contain an analysis by a leading authority and an annotated list of books for further reading, selected by specialist librarians.

In "Space Science," the first of the series, Dr. Ralph E. Lapp traces the development and uses of space exploration and discusses "Man's role in space."

Scheduled to follow "Space Science" in this series on Reading for an Age of Change are the following reading guides: "The Contemporary Arts," by Bartlett H. Hayes, Jr.; "The Expanding Population in a Shrinking World," by Marston Bates; "Freedom of the Mind," by William O. Douglas; and one on the new economics.

Space Science and subsequent reading guides should be ordered from the Public Affairs Committee, 22 East 38th Street, New York 16, N. Y. The price of "Space Science" is 60¢.

SOUTH CAROLINA SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION

South Carolina Soil and Water Conservation Needs Inventory was prepared by more than 600 members of county and state committees and contains much previously

unpublished data. The inventory will be of interest to industrialists, research councils, educational groups, and garden clubs as well as others interested in the conservation of natural resources.

If your library did not receive a copy, you may request one from Jesse A. Jordan, State Soil Conservationist, Soil Conservation Service, 901 Sumter Street, Columbia, S. C.

A BUG-EYE VIEW OF THE MIAMI ALA CONFERENCE

If you had never been to an ALA conference, this was the time to go. Glimpsing the library VIP's in bathing suit or shorts brought them low enough on the slopes of Olympus to be viewed with equanimity by the lesser breed. An innovation was holding only two general sessions. At the first one, August Heckscher, special consultant on the arts, the White House, was the featured speaker. We were all agog to hear about how Mrs. Kennedy was getting the old furniture refinished and reupholstered, but instead heard a high-level discussion of the ARTS and the library. You could tell Mr. H. had worked hard on this speech. The second General Session was a dinner meeting that cost \$7.75. Due to financial limitations, we can give no report on this meeting. The Council meetings were more entertaining than usual because of gentlemanly objections voiced by members to practically everything that came up. Although we are slightly confused over the whole thing, the South still seems to be in the Union for at least five more years.

South Carolina public librarians will remember Florence Craig who came down to one of our workshops several years ago. Mrs. Craig led a series of three meetings to introduce the series, Reading for an Age of Change. If you were fortunate enough to get to all three meetings, you had a liberal education in reading guidance, public relations, staff relations, and anything else that came up that influenced the use of the new reading guides. Another meeting that was an eye-opener to state library people was that at which Dr. Philip Monypenny discussed the survey being made of state library agencies. The Doctor answered every possible question in his address leaving not a query to the "Interrogation Panel" which was properly confused but patently relieved. Any of you who have been hiding an interest in genealogy can come out in the open now and display the interest with pride. At a meeting of the History Section, Reference Services Division, there was a full program devoted to the values of genealogical research in historical research. Apparently everybody has "ancestors" and all of them are interesting if fitted against the correct historical background.

The Junior Members are being wooed with soft words and special events. A reception was given ALA at the Barcelona Hotel to give the Junior Members the chance to meet library bigwigs. There were more "bigwigs" there than Junior Members, but everybody had a fine time and a lot to eat and drink.

The exhibits covered several acres. Books, equipment, furniture, gadgets, art, salesmen, and even a chimpanzee enlivened the exhibit area. If you filled in all the slips for door prizes, you had no time to look at the products. Enough pencils, match books, note books, and life savers were given away to have established a regional library in Cuba.

The ALA meeting will be in Chicago next summer. Plan to attend and see the new ALA headquarters building.

YOUR PROBLEMS
by Anne Library

Dear Anne,

I recently read an article entitled "Never Underestimate the Power of the Library Trustee." I would like to add—or their kindness—or blindness! This library is the victim of the trustees charity. Our staff is small, but we could handle the work and do a good job if all staff members were able bodied and competent. One of the staff is approaching retirement age, but on the basis of her poor health should be retired now on disability and could draw both Social Security and State Retirement. To satisfy my own curiosity, I checked and found that with this arrangement she would realize more financially than she does now from the small salary she draws from the library. She is unable to much more than fill a chair at the library and while there does little beyond discussing her aches and pains. I would not be so upset about this if the Board were not so alert to criticize the operation of the library. They hold me responsible for providing good service. It seems to me they share the responsibility and should face up to this staff problem. I say if they want to be charitable with their personal money, let them; but the library's money should be used to provide service to the public—not a retirement home. Why can't they see that this particular kind of charity has two faces—kindness to Misses X and Y and cruelty to the other staff members who have to work like slaves to do their work as well as their own?

Fed Up

Dear Fed Up,

And no wonder! Have you talked this over with your Board chairman? I expect you have and that he is too chicken-hearted to take any action. What about a letter to the Board stating the problem and giving them the information about the Social Security and Retirement benefits? I'll bet they have never thought about this and may feel less hesitant about retiring your problems. This would be a good time for the Board to adopt a retirement policy to take care of such problems in the future.

LIBRARY SERVICES FOR YOUNG ADULTS

The Public Library Section of the South Carolina Library Association will sponsor a workshop on Library Services for Young Adults on October 25-26 at the Poinsett Hotel in Greenville.

Mrs. Marguerite G. Thompson, Librarian, Florence Public Library, is chairman of the planning committee on which Nancy Blair, Nell Garrard, Dorothy Smith, and Louise Stem are serving.

Details will be announced later.

COMING EVENTS

October 11-13, 1962 — Southeastern Library Association Biennial Conference —
Memphis, Tennessee.

October 25-26, 1962 — Workshop - Library Services for Young Adults —
Poinsett Hotel - Greenville, South Carolina.

October 26-27, 1962 — S. C. Library Association Annual Conference —
Poinsett Hotel - Greenville, South Carolina.

November 11-17, 1962 — Book Week.

It's not too early to order book week supplies — some of them are useful the year round. Request a descriptive folder and order blank from The Children's Book Council, 175 Fifth Avenue, New York 10, New York.

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